

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 25 have been amended. Claims 26 and 27 have been canceled. New claims 28 through 32 have been added. The application now includes claims 1 through 25, and claims 28 through 32, with claims 1, 25 and 32 being independent claims.

Applicants assert that the above amendments to the claims were made to improve readability or to broaden the scope of the claims, and not for reasons of patentability, and thus should be afforded full protection under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Also, applicants assert that the new claims added to the application do not introduce any new material.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice thereof is respectfully requested.